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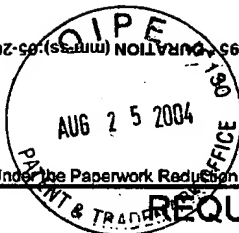
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Filing Date	03/21/01
First Named Inventor	Jianmin Li et al.
Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	Carlos A. Azpuru
Attorney Docket Number	BSC-164

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**  
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